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Brookline addiction specialist allegedly defrauded taxpayers of $500,000 AG still examining millions doc received from state over decades-long career {page 02}

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Esplanade. Warning issued

Officials from several public safety organizations issued a warning to Hub newcomers yesterday after a series of attacks, some sexual, have taken place on the Esplanade. The suspect pictured in the sketch above is wanted in four of the assaults. {page 02}

News

US hikers in Iran free at last

Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer reunite with families after leaving Iran $1M in bail paid by nation of Oman {page 08}

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Doctor charged with kickback scheme

A Brookline doctor renowned for his work with addiction medicine was charged yesterday with defrauding taxpayers of $500,000 in fraudulent medical care payments.

Dr. Punyamurtula Kishore, 61, pleaded not guilty to conducting an "intricate Medicaid fraud kickback scheme," according to the attorney general.

Kishore allegedly had various sober homes send patients to his labs to perform drug screens of Medicaid-eligible residents. Officials continue to investigate whether all of those tests were medically necessary.

As the owner and manager of Preventive Medicine Associates, Kishore ran a network of nearly 30 medical branches throughout the state, some of which he recently began shutting down, authorities alleged.

Kishore's lawyer told the Globe the doctor is married with grown children and was a well-regarded member of the community and denies the allegations.

Officials continue to examine the millions of dollars he received from the state for the testing over his career. MICHAEL NAUGHTON

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Kishore was ordered held on $150,000 cash bail and must surrender his passport and inform probation officials of any travel plans.

Warning sent after series of assaults

Authorities tell students not to travel alone at night ◗ Suspect still sought in earlier Esplanade, Southie attacks ◗ Two more incidents this summer

A group of police officials from various law enforcement agencies warned residents — particularly new students — to be cautious when walking alone.

The warning has become an annual reminder when the new school year starts and as police continue their search for the man responsible for attacking women along the Esplanade and in South Boston.

"As we welcome a new crop of students to the Boston area, we want people to stay alert and stay aware as they explore the city," said Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said yesterday while standing with police near the Hatch Shell.

Conley, as well as state, Boston and MBTA police urged students to adhere to their tips to stay safe.

Police are still searching for a man they believe is responsible for four sexual assaults on women. Three of the attacks occurred between 2007 and 2009 late at night or early in the morning. The fourth attack occurred in 2006 in the area of Joe Moakley Park.

Two other women were also attacked this summer along the Esplanade and police are trying to determine if the same man is responsible.

Tremana White, 22, who was walking along the Esplanade yesterday, said she doesn't listen to music and is observant of who is around her when she makes her near daily walk along the Charles River.

"Even if you feel comfortable you always have to be aware of your surroundings," said the 22-year-old from Jamaica Plain.

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▶ Massachusetts authorities are urging young women to be aware of their surroundings while walking and running along the Esplanade.

Safety tips

Police discussed tips to keep safe while walking at night:

- Carry a fully charged cell phone.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Don't jog or walk alone.
- Be alert, and don't wear headphones.
- Call ahead to your destination and let them know when you expect to arrive.

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Girl, 2, attacked by pit bull

CHELSEA. Police are asking for the public's help after a 2-year-old girl was attacked by a pit bull in front of her Grove Street home on Tuesday.

The girl is now recovering, police said.

Police believe two men who fled the area during the attack may live in the area.

They are both described as Hispanic teens between 15 and 18 years old.

The dog is currently quarantined. METRO

Attack victim left for dead

BOSTON. Detectives are asking the for the public's help in locating the person who attacked a woman in East Boston and left her near death.

The unidentified woman was found outside just after 7 a.m. yesterday near Webster Street in East Boston.

Police are investigating whether or not the woman, who is in her 20s, was sexually assaulted. She was suffering from life-threatening injuries. METRO

In the news

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Miles of walking, biking and using public transit already logged online by people participating in Massachusetts' "car-free" week. Today marks international World Car-Free Day and the Bay State will join more than 1,000 cities in 40 countries around the globe to celebrate. METRO

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Boston locals join petition to stop student loan debt

Student loan payments are like a money vacuum, sucking up peoples' paychecks and keeping them from making new purchases.

In an effort to keep that cash in their wallets, locals have joined more than 360,000 former students nationwide and signed a petition to try to stamp out unpaid loans.

"Forgiving the student loan debt of all Americans will have an immediate stimulative effect on our economy," reads the petition urging the president and U.S. lawmakers to relieve them of their debt.

In exchange, petitioners have vowed to toss their money back into the economy by buying cars, houses and paying off other excess debt.

But Peter Ubertaccio, director of the Martin Institute at Stonehill College, said legislators would balk at the proposal, even if it had a chance to reach Congress with serious consideration.

"Flat out forgiveness is just not likely. The complexities are so vast given the number of borrowers and prospective borrowers," he said. "I don't think there is any chance at all something like this becomes law."

Ubertaccio, an analyst who writes for a Massachusetts political blog, said even he would put money back into the economy if he didn't have outstanding student debt, but the chances of transforming this into law are low.

"I don't think it would have the stimulative effect that its proponents would like to see," he said.

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Hub says:

- "Please forgive student loans. Give tens of thousands of individuals a real chance to have a middle class life. It's about time!" – *Robin Casarjian, Boston*
- **"This petition is 100 percent correct. Being free of student loan obligations would allow several households I know to make major purchases."** – *Dan Seitz, Somerville*
- "This would be life-changing. ... We would be able to start our careers ... and buy a condo or house, and invest in the economy, rather than never actually seeing most of our paychecks that go right to student loans." – *Anne Blaschke, Boston*
- **"At the very least, interest rates should be dropped to the rates that banks get from the Fed."** – *Carolyn Nikkal, Jamaica Plain*

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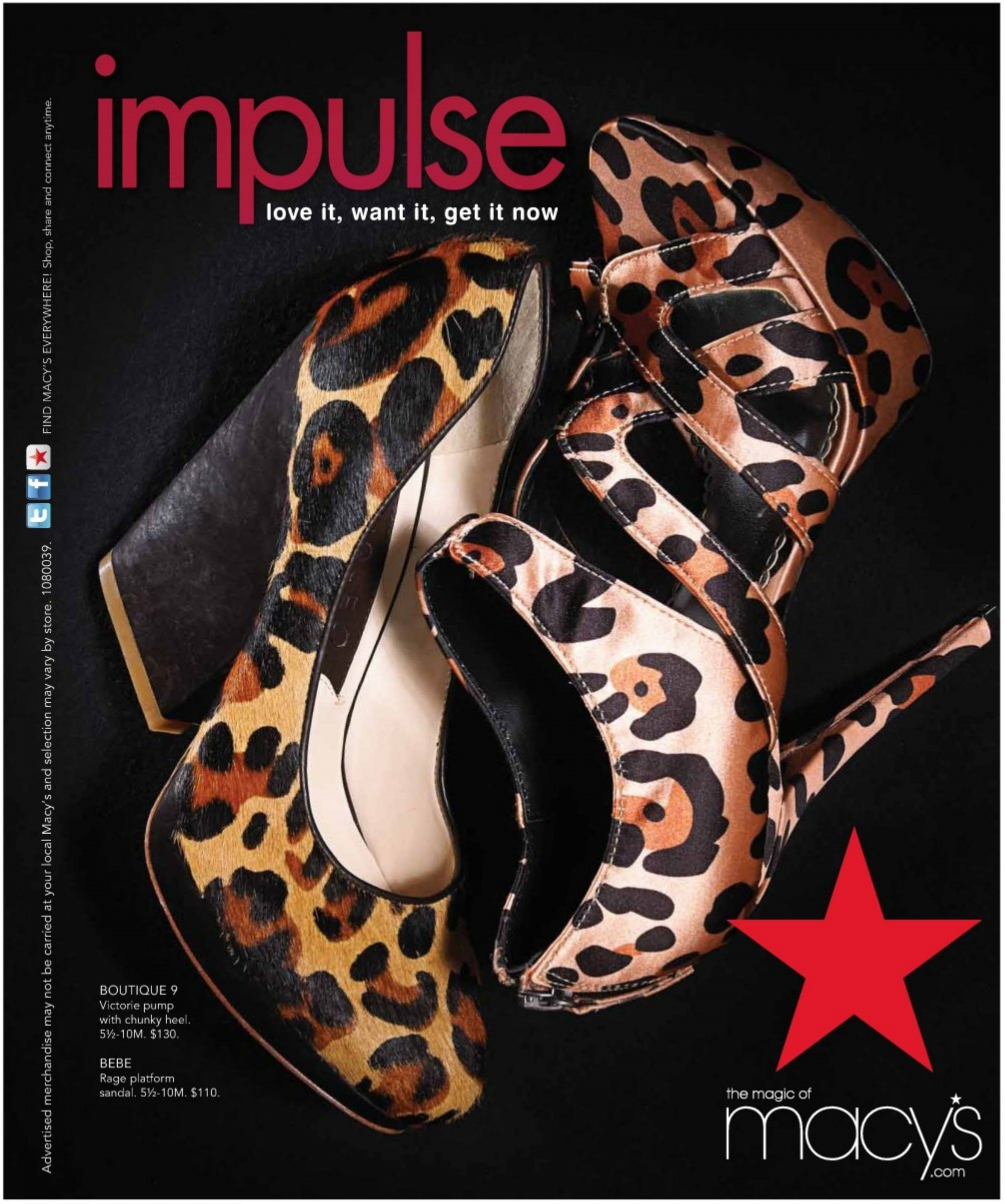
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News in brief

Man killed by commuter train

WOBURN. A man who was allegedly trespassing was struck and killed by an outbound commuter rail train at 11:30 a.m. yesterday, causing delays on the Purple Line.

According to an MBTA spokesman, an unidentified, 23-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene. Buses were dispatched to the area to shuttle passengers around the scene of the incident. Regular service resumed by 2 p.m.

Transit police and the Middlesex DA's office are investigating. METRO

Man acquitted in stabbing

BOSTON. A jury yesterday acquitted a Dorchester man who was accused of stabbing another man during an argument over a girl.

Thanh Van Truong, 56, was acquitted for the murder of Tai Yee last June, authorities said.

Prosecutors claimed Truong stabbed Yee in his face, neck, arm and chest.

Truong allegedly made disparaging comments about Yee's former girlfriend and Yee confronted him before the stabbing, prosecutors had said. METRO

Pols want voters to show identification at polls

- 13 bills filed asking for voters to show ID when casting their ballot
- Governor says he won't sign anything that could make voting harder

Advocates pushing for laws requiring voters to present identification when at the polls are arguing that people already need proof of who they are for everything else.

"There are so many places we don't protest it, but now we raise the issue on this?" said Republican Rep. Steven Levy of Marlborough outside of a State House hearing of the Committee on Election Laws yesterday.

Levy was responding to Gov. Deval Patrick's comments stating he wouldn't support Republican-backed legislation that demanded voter ID.

"I am not interested and will not sign anything that makes it harder to vote," Patrick said, adding that voting is "a right" and the state needs to encourage participation.

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▶ Who are you?

Levy, however, called voting a "sacred privilege" and argued it should be protected.

Levy said he was disappointed in Patrick's response, since he hasn't reviewed the proposed legislation, and hoped the governor would reconsider.

Advocates against ID-ing voters backed Patrick, saying it would deter renters, low-income residents and students from visiting the voting booth.

But Suffolk University student Lauren Haffner, 18, disagreed, saying the state should support proof of persons to avoid the risk of voter fraud.

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Who are you?

Recommended forms of ID in proposed legislation include:

- Driver's license
- Student ID
- Government employee card
- Medicare card
- Passport
- Social Security Card

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Number of bills filed and presented yesterday that called for some sort of voter ID at the polls.

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Ratings firm downgrades three banks

Moody's Corp. cut the debt ratings of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup yesterday, saying the U.S. government is getting less comfortable with bailing out large troubled lenders.

The government is "more likely now than during the financial crisis to allow a large bank to fail should it become financially troubled," the ratings agency said.

Moody's decision hit Bank of America hardest as it cut both the long-term and short-term debt of the holding company and long-term deposits at its lead bank. The ratings agency cut only the short-term debt of Citigroup and limited the Wells' cut to its senior debt and to deposits at its lead bank.

Bank of America, the second-largest U.S. bank company, is struggling with billions of dollars of mortgage losses, litigation and stresses from the need to raise capital to meet new regulatory obligations. REUTERS

Chain reaction?

The risk of contagion from one failing bank to other banks has "become less acute," Moody's noted, adding the Dodd-Frank financial reform law of 2010 has reduced the ties between financial institutions.

By the numbers

$23,033

A Beatles contract for a 1965 California concert that reveals that the Fab Four refused to play before a segregated audience has sold for $23,033 — more than four times its estimated price. REUTERS

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Japan. Blue whale

▶ Rival scientists claim the genetic cloners have signed a contract with a fast-food restaurant to supply whale meat.

Scientists playing god

Scientists in Japan claim to have made an astonishing genetic breakthrough: They say they can create a blue whale using the giant animal's preserved DNA. "Very soon, we can introduce to the world the very first artificially created blue whale," says Takahura Ken, team leader at Tokyo University. MWN

Researchers' genetic key to Lou Gehrig's disease

CHICAGO. Scientists have discovered a gene responsible for more than a third of inherited cases of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and a related brain disorder.

The findings could help scientists develop new animal models and may lead to new treatments for ALS and frontotemporal dementia, which are fatal neurological disorders.

In ALS, the disease kills nerve cells that control movement, leaving sufferers unable to move their arms, legs, body and eventually breathe without support. REUTERS

"We don't have a complete picture yet ... but we have an exciting new direction in which to find out."
ROSA RADEMAKERS, NEUROSCIENTIST

China bans dog-eating celebration

BEIJING. The Chinese government has banned a traditional carnival in the east of the country in which dogs are eaten after being chopped up alive in the street following a public uproar that the festival was cruel, state media reported yesterday. Despite once being banned as a bad bourgeois habit, dog ownership has become increasingly popular with China's growing middle class in the past few years. REUTERS

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Obama in effort to derail Palestinian UN statehood bid

President Barack Obama, trying to avert a clash over Palestinian statehood, told the United Nations yesterday there was no substitute for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations or any short cut to peace.

With U.S. credibility and influence in the Middle East at stake, Obama wants to dissuade the Palestinians from asking the U.N. Security Council for statehood in the teeth of Israeli anger and a U.S. threat to use its veto if it came to a vote.

But a senior Palestinian official, Nabil Shaath, said, "We will cordially and respectfully tell him 'no.'"

The Palestinians, however, would give the Security Council "some time" to mull the statehood claim before they took it to the U.N. General Assembly, he told a news conference.

Flag-waving Palestinians filled the squares of West Bank cities to rally behind the initiative at the United Nations.

A year after telling the General Assembly he hoped to see a Palestinian state born by now, the U.S. president said creating such a state alongside Israel remained his goal.

"But the question isn't the goal we seek — the question is how to reach it. And I am convinced that there is no short cut to the end of a conflict that has endured for decades," he said. REUTERS

Quoted

"Ultimately, it is Israelis and Palestinians — not us — who must reach agreement on the issues that divide them: on borders and security; on refugees and Jerusalem."
OBAMA

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Forbes. Rich list

▶ Coming in at No. 7, Soros had a fortune of $22 billion after adding $7.8 billion to his net worth.

Soros one of the richest

Investor George Soros, at 81, has for the first time made the list of the 10 wealthiest Americans, Forbes Magazine reported yesterday in the 2011 edition of its annual rich list. Bill Gates again topped the list with a net worth of $59 billion, up $5 billion. REUTERS

China condemns arms sale

WASHINGTON. The Obama administration informed Congress yesterday that it plans to upgrade Taiwan's aging F-16 fighter jets, drawing strong condemnation from China which called it a "grave interference" in its internal affairs.

China warned that the potential $5.3 billion U.S. arms sale will harm its "core interests" in Taiwan and damage China-U.S. military and security cooperation. REUTERS

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Buffett stumps for Obama

CHICAGO. Billionaire investor Warren Buffett will help raise money for President Barack Obama's re-election effort at a $35,800-a-ticket fundraiser next month in Chicago, an Obama campaign official said yesterday.

Buffett will attend the Oct. 27 event at a private home on Chicago's North Shore that is expected to include major donors to Obama's 2008 presidential run. The Democratic president, who is not expected to attend, is running for re-election in 2012. REUTERS

Iran finally frees two US hikers

Iran yesterday freed two U.S. men it jailed for more than two years on espionage charges after $500,000 bail for each was paid by Oman, Reuters witnesses and diplomatic sources said.

Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, who were arrested while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border in 2009 and denied being spies, left for Tehran's airport in a convoy escorted by Omani officials and including the ambassador of Switzerland, witnesses said.

"It has been a very long time for them and we have done a lot of work and I'm very thankful for all those who have helped, in particularly the Omanis, of course," said ambassador Livia Leu Agosti, who represents U.S. interests in Iran. REUTERS

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▶ Josh Fattal, left, and Shane Bauer left Iran yesterday.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Details you don't want to know about Taylor Armstrong

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▶ The sad, sordid tale of Taylor Armstrong continues.

Ugh. Well, apparently readers want to know what's currently happening with **Taylor Armstrong**, the tragic "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star whose husband **Russell Armstrong** committed suicide last month, allegedly distraught over finances and his divorce with Taylor.

So, where should we start with the sadness? The terrifically awful? Or the just kind of awful? Actually, nevermind, it's all terrifically awful, because everyone is talking about Tuesday night's "Entertainment Tonight," when Armstrong told host **Nancy O'Dell** that her husband was abusive. "He would grab me by one side of the hair on my head and bang the other side of my head against the car," she said about Russell. Once, she said, he "grabbed me by the neck and shoved me up against the wall and he said, 'If you ever make my children a pizza without a vegetable again, I'll kill you.'"

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Cheery, no? Oh, but that's not all. Armstrong says she told her 5-year-old daughter that her father "got sick and he died." She also told the little girl "we could pick a star in the sky and it could be daddy, and that she could talk to him every night." "Entertainment Tonight" reportedly paid Armstrong $125,000 for a photo she says was taken after a brutal beating by Russell; the show aired it all week as a promo to Tuesday's interview. Armstrong apparently needed the quick cash since it seems her "rich" husband was actually totally broke and is now totally dead.

Have I said "ugh" already? I'm so very sorry today's column didn't come with a free puppy to help get you back to a happy place this Thursday morning.

It's the end of R.E.M. as we know it (and they feel fine)

After 31 years as a band, R.E.M. announced yesterday that they are calling it a day. Each band member wrote a few paragraphs on their website ensuring fans that there was no ill will between members, but that their last album, according to bassist Mike Mills, "seemed to draw a natural line under the last 31 years of our working together."

"Mike, Michael, Bill, Bertis, and I walk away as great friends," wrote Peter Buck.

Singer Michael Stipe, ever a man of words, quoted an adage that "the skill in attending a party is knowing when it's time to leave."

Though such a degree of self-deprecation might be extreme — R.E.M. hardly outwore its welcome — the band's arc does seem complete. They went from a little band from Athens, Ga. to a defining group of the "college rock" genre in the 1980s, which served as a precursor to "alternative rock." But by the time that word was being used, the '80s turned into the '90s, and R.E.M. had arguably become America's biggest band. Many of the later R.E.M. singles were decidedly more mellow and less experimental than the music that first made them popular, but the amount of bands they have influenced, with their jangly guitar approach and unabashedly artsy lyrics, cannot be overstated.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alyssa Milano is covering her bases, William Shatner is hitting the road, Hugh Hefner is staying off TV, and Kelly Osbourne doesn't know where people are getting their information.

▶ **@Alyssa_Milano**
Good morning/ afternoon/evening/ night. Wherever you are in your day, I hope you're laughing.

▶ **@WilliamShatner**
I'm doing a series of one man shows across Canada starting in October.

▶ **@hughhefner**
I won't be making any guest appearances on "The Playboy Club," because the show is set in the early 1960s.

▶ **@MissKellyO**
why do i keep reading articles that i have a boyfriend? Im a single lady & to be honest kinda loving it!

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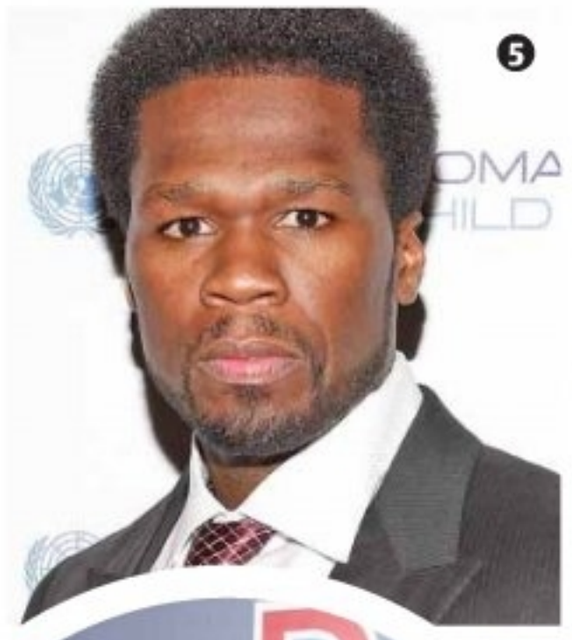
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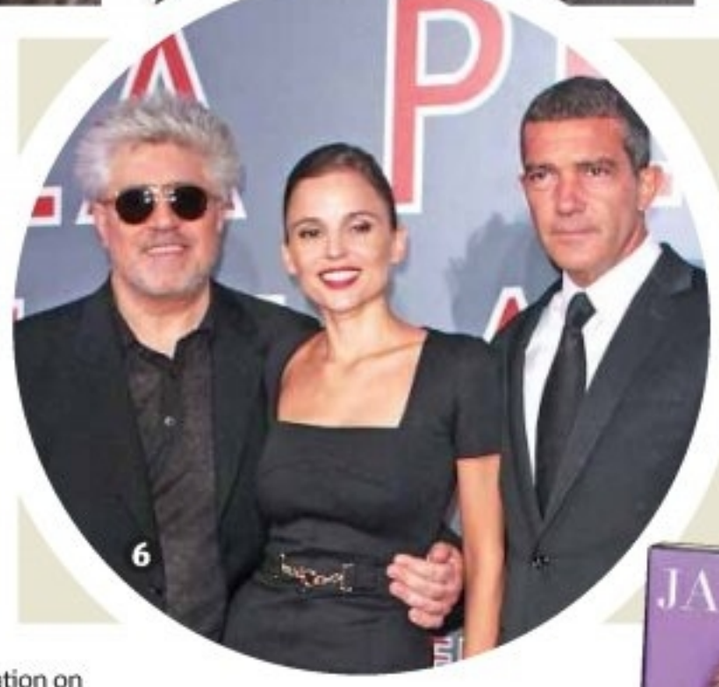
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Two blondes promote their books and more

▶ **1:** Model/actress/tall-person Rosie Huntington-Whiteley attended the Moet & Chandon Etoile award ceremony at Park Lane Hotel on Monday in London.

▶ **2:** Just when the ladies of the world felt like Jon Hamm couldn't get cooler, it turns out he's a "South Park" lover! Here he is at the "South Park" 15th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif.

▶ **3:** Demi Lovato visited "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday in New York.

▶ **4:** Kendra Wilkinson promoted her new book "Being Kendra" at Bookends Bookstore yesterday in Ridgewood, N.J.

▶ **5:** Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson (new haircut?) attended the "Every Woman, Every Child" MDG Reception at the Grand Hyatt on Tuesday in New York.

▶ **6:** Director Pedro Almodovar, actors Elena Anaya and Antonio Banderas attended the premiere of their new film, "The Skin I Live In," on Tuesday in Rome.

▶ **7:** Actress Jane Lynch visited "Mark Says Hi!" on the Raw Dog Comedy SiriusXM Studio on Tuesday in New York.

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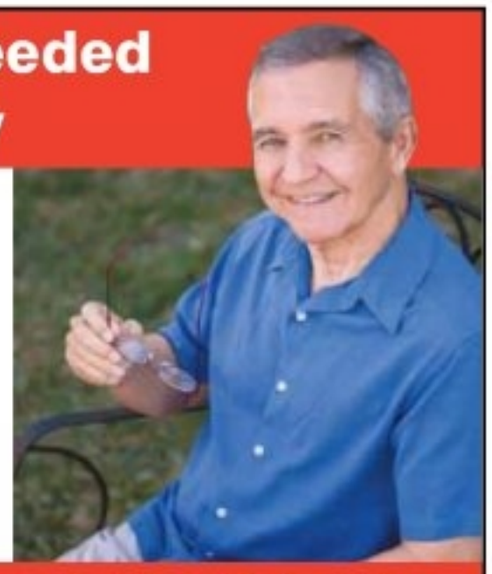
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▶ Finch (Michael Emerson, left) and Reese (Jim Caviezel) use The Machine to try to stop crimes before they occur on "Person of Interest."

That's the inspiration behind 'Person of Interest' What would happen if citywide surveillance made predicting crimes a possibility?

If you step onto a New York City street, you may as well be smiling — there's no doubt you're being filmed. It's the reality of a post-9/11, surveillance-heavy world — and it's a major inspiration behind the new J.J. Abrams crime thriller on CBS, "Person of Interest."

"Someone tried to count [the number of cameras in NYC] a couple years ago, and the official tally was 'uncountable,'" says executive producer Jonathan Nolan, whose credits include the "Dark Knight" films (director Christopher is his brother). "I think we're all really aware these days of just how much information is kind of swirling around out there about us, about our friends, about everybody," he adds. "What's missing in all of this — or at least we think is missing — is something that sifts through all of that information, a way in which that information actually becomes useful to people."

"This is not really a science-fiction show. It's more science-fact."
"PERSON OF INTEREST" EXEC PRODUCER JONATHAN NOLAN

Enter The Machine. The invention of a mysterious billionaire, Finch (Michael Emerson), the government-commissioned, anti-terrorism device is capable of predicting when a crime will occur. With the aid of a former CIA agent, Reese (Jim Caviezel), Finch plans to enact vigilante justice, which plays out on the show in a case-of-the-week format.

"We're at this very odd moment, kind of standing on the precipice of seeing what happens when you start harnessing all that information," Nolan says. Scarily, he's referring to real-life as much as the world created on "Person of Interest." "This is not really a science-fiction show," he says. "It's more science-fact."

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"Person of Interest" premieres tonight at 9 on CBS.

Meet the cast

Finch (Michael Emerson) "I play a shadowy tech billionaire who's had some kind of transformative experience in his psychological life, and he's decided to dedicate himself to a justice mission," Emerson says. "He can't intervene in dangerous situations personally, so he needs to team up with someone who is more active and skilled than he."

Reese (Jim Caviezel) "He's former special forces CIA on the surface, but deep down, a guy who is searching for a purpose, and Finch seems to offer that," Caviezel says. "I think that purpose probably is justice."

Detective Carter (Taraji P. Henson) "She served two tours in Iraq. She gets a little more emotionally involved with some of the people that she interacts with. And she's chasing this guy in a suit [Reese]. She's already identified him as an ex-army person of some sort. So she identifies with that."

The schedule

MONDAY
- 8-8:30 p.m. "How I Met Your Mother"
- 8:30-9 p.m. "2 Broke Girls"
- 9-9:30 p.m. "Two and a Half Men"
- 9:30-10 p.m. "Mike & Molly"
- 10-11 p.m. "Hawaii 5-0"

TUESDAY
- 8-9 p.m. "NCIS"
- 9-10 p.m. "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 10-11 p.m. "Unforgettable"

WEDNESDAY
- 8-9 p.m. "Survivor: South Pacific"
- 9-10 p.m. "Criminal Minds"
- 10-11 p.m. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"

THURSDAY
- 8-8:30 p.m. "The Big Bang Theory"
- 8:30-9 p.m. "How to Be a Gentleman"
- 9-10 p.m. "Person of Interest"
- 10-11 p.m. "The Mentalist"

FRIDAY
- 8-9 p.m. "A Gifted Man"
- 9-10 p.m. "CSI: NY"
- 10-11 p.m. "Blue Bloods"

SUNDAY
- 8-9 p.m. "The Amazing Race"
- 9-10 p.m. "The Good Wife"
- 10-11 p.m. "CSI: Miami"

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▶ From left: Minka Kelly, Annie Ilonzeh and Rachael Taylor star in "Charlie's Angels."

TV watch list

'Charlie's Angels'

DRAMA. Who thought a serious-minded "Charlie's Angels" remake was a good idea? Where's the cheeky fun? Instead we get a disgraced cop (Annie Ilonzeh), rich-girl-turned-thief (Rachael Taylor) and street racer (Minka Kelly) — all super hot ladies, at least — acting like Jack Bauer. Except Jack Bauer was believable, and it's really, really hard not to laugh at Kelly's little-girl purr when she's trying to be a badass in the face of an underworld kingpin. If only we were supposed to laugh.
Series premiere, 8 p.m., ABC

'Prime Suspect'

DRAMA. Maria Bello's Jane Timoney — the only female detective in her homicide unit — shows the "beef trust" how to get the job done. The boys' club theme is heavy-handed in the pilot, but Bello is absolutely absorbing as the flawed heroine.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., NBC

'The Office'

COMEDY. Robert California (James Spader) begins his reign of terror at Dunder Mifflin. Wait, we mean tenure. He begins his tenure. (He totally creeped you out too, right?)
Season premiere, 9 p.m., NBC

'The Mentalist'

DRAMA. Sorry, Jane. You don't kill a guy in the middle of a shopping center — even if you think the guy is your serial killer nemesis, Red John — and get away cleanly. Season 4 picks up moments after last season's cliffhanger shooting.
Season premiere, 10 p.m., CBS

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Ups and downs

"2 Broke Girls"
The joke: A newly broke society girl, Caroline (Beth Behrs), walks into a Brooklyn diner looking for a job. The punch line in this odd-couple tale is that she's paired up with cynical, had-to-work-her-whole-life waitress Max (Kat Dennings). Wharton-educated Caroline has the ambition that Max, a confectionary whiz, never mustered; together they plan on opening a cupcake shop. We hope this snarky-sweet sitcom rakes in enough interest to see that dream come true.
(Mondays at 8:30 p.m. on CBS)

"How to Be a Gentleman"
Etiquette columnist Andrew (David Hornsby) wonders where all the gentlemen have gone; gym owner Bert (Kevin Dillon) is looking for some guys' guys to train in the fine art of meatheadery. We're still searching for a decent joke in this sitcom full of exaggerated caricatures.
(Premieres Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m. on CBS.)
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Scene-stealer: Margo Martindale, 'A Gifted Man'

"Sometimes things just take time. But with time comes appreciation," Margo Martindale gushed when accepting her Emmy for best supporting actress in a drama for her work on "Justified" on Sunday. The 60-year-old has been stealing scenes for years, and she's about to do it again in the new CBS drama, "A Gifted Man."

"I've been working, honestly, as an actor professionally since I was 21, I think 23," Martindale says, adding that her career as a character actor has led to a fluctuating lifestyle between "poor, some money, poor, counting pennies on the floor."

But not any more. After playing ruthless Southern matriarch Mags Bennett on "Justified," Martindale moves to New York City, portraying Rita, the no-nonsense assistant to Patrick Wilson's well-respected neurosurgeon in charge of an upscale concierge medical clinic. The doc also just so happens to receive visits from the ghost of his altruistic ex-wife, which Rita thinks is ridiculous — and lets him know it.

"It's great to go from that fabulous, wonderful part [on 'Justified'] to a luxurious, spalike existence with another good-looking man," Martindale says of the role change. "What can I say? I turned 60, and everything fell into place." AMBER RAY

▶ Margo Martindale stars with Patrick Wilson in "A Gifted Man."

Quoted

"I know how good she is because when I did ['Law & Order: SVU'], she put Elle Fanning in a cage and told her to set Connie Nielsen on fire. So I know what she's capable of."
"A GIFTED MAN" EXECUTIVE PRODUCER NEAL BAER, ON THE CONSIDERABLE TALENTS OF MARGO MARTINDALE

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▶ **"A Gifted Man"** premieres tomorrow at 8 p.m. on CBS.

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10 Reasons to hit up movie theaters this weekend

2 'Abduction' The boy who played wolf, Taylor Lautner, gets his first starring role as a young man who learns he was kidnapped as a child by the people he had grown up believing were his parents.

3 'Moneyball' Brad Pitt plus baseball equals a win-win for any couple doing battle over what to see in the theaters this weekend. Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, the innovator of a new drafting technique. Whatever. All we heard was "Pitt."

4 'Dolphin Tale' A dolphin gets a prosthetic tail. Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman co-star alongside said dolphin.

5 'Drive' We hope this stunning, modern noir film by Nicolas Winding Refn — about a stunt driver sucked into the L.A. crime underworld — will finally allow Ryan Gosling to be referred to as someone other than "'The Notebook' guy."

6 'I Don't Know How She Does It' You know what you're going to get out of this box of bon-bons: Sarah Jessica Parker plays a mom trying to 'have it all' with kids, a career and Greg Kinnear.

7 'Straw Dogs' Expect more flash and bloodshed in this remake of the 1971 Sam Peckinpah classic film about a small back-country village that doesn't take kindly to a native daughter returning to settle in with her sophisticated, if wussy, husband.

8 'The Lion King' 3-D There may be a circle of life, but this movie won't die.

9 'Contagion' Who among us would not enjoy two hours of visualizing the worst case scenario of a global outbreak of an incurable disease? No? Well Matt Damon is in it, as are Kate Winslet and Marion Cotillard. That should change your mind.

10 'Warrior' A tale of two boxing brothers makes us think of last year's giant hit, "The Fighter," but this film starring Joel Edgerton and Tom Hardy is an entirely different beast set in the mixed martial arts world.

Must-see

'Killer Elite'

1 We challenge you to not find at least two other movies in which Clive Owen, Robert De Niro and Jason Statham have already played the same kinds of characters they do in this assassin action thriller. Make that five for Statham. METRO

DAN SMITH

▶ Two guys, one gun: Robert De Niro and Jason Statham play the usual assassins in "Killer Elite."

Fashion Week

Review: Gucci at Milan Fashion Week

Gucci kicked off the week with a collection that oozed luxury and was almost entirely dedicated to decadent evening dressing. Frida Giannini's clothes (which she called Hard Deco) were dipped, embroidered and accented with gold. It appeared everywhere: as buttons lining an ankle slit on trousers, bands of hardware around drop-waist dresses, the embroidery on a jacket and as the tip on a pointy-toed stiletto — to name just a few of a boatload of examples. It was Gucci at its flashiest, and in a way it seemed totally out of touch with the world. But then again, the price of gold is expected to spike to $2,000 an ounce by the end of this year due to its status as a foolproof investment in rocky financial times. A coincidence? Frida's no fool. KENYA HUNT

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▶ Gucci

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Money is the one true god

Did you know that before Mohammed, the Middle East was predominantly Christian? Yes, indeed. And in its early years, Islam was spread outside Arabia by the sword: "Convert or die!" However, the caliphs soon discovered an easier way: "Convert, and be freed from taxes!" As soon as they heard that, conservative Christians fell all over each other to convert to Islam. And that is why, to this day, the entire Middle East is predominantly Muslim.
DIANA NAKEEB, VIA E-MAIL

Don't forget about the '70s

RE: "HISTORY LESSON ON THE LADIES": Another lesson for Mr. Burstyn: Forget the '60s. When I went for my first apartment, I already had a degree in nursing and had been working for five years. The complex I moved into didn't rent to single women — my father had to go to the rental office for me. The year? 1975!
NATALIE KASDAY, VIA E-MAIL

Liberals ignore threat of Islam

So Harvard finally decided to bring back the ROTC because "don't ask, don't tell" ended. People seem to forget this is the same Harvard that wouldn't allow the military on campus, but had no problem with Mohammad Khatami of Iran. Yes, the same Iran that advocates killing gays. And how many of the liberals who claim to be champions of gay rights have protested against radical Islam?
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Movement of opportunism

RE: "THE LEFT SPEWS VICIOUS SLURS": If the Tea Party movement is synonymous with fiscal conservatism, then sign me up tomorrow! But the fundamental question remains: Where was this "movement" over the eight years that got us into this financial mess in the first place? On the toilet having a "movement" of another kind?!
JOE FINLEY II, JAMAICA PLAIN

Once again the Tea Baggers are trying to rewrite facts. They are not lying attacks; it is more informed people noticing the Tea Bag lies. Also, liberals are afraid of Tea Baggers because they are nuts. They try to rewrite history to make Palin's statement true, and they try to ignore facts like climate change, etc. We are afraid of what Tea Baggers would do in office. **BRIAN GRAU, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you find yourself a bit restless, put aside your plans and call a pal who is always ready to do something interesting.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Channel your efforts toward a single goal, and you'll end up accomplishing far more than you ever thought possible. Putting too many things on your plate could lead to an unwieldy meal.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Some knowledge you acquired by simply being a good listener will prove to be immensely valuable. It'll prove how beneficial it is to pay attention.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't settle for undesirable terms; instead, be prepared to call the other guy's bluff. If the conditions are unsatisfactory, take a walk and let him or her do all the sweating.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** A business partner will emulate your mode of operation, so it's going to be up to you to supply the motivating factors to get what you want. He or she will then back you up.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** No one will have to tell you where your opportunities lie — you'll be cognizant of them all on your own. Be imaginative, energetic and enterprising.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You should be able to put to rest your enormous assumption that someone you like never notices you when this person starts showering you with all kinds of attention.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you know you have people in your corner who will back you up, you're able to be more daring about how far you can take things.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your imagination knows no boundaries and, as a result, you'll be able to come up with something new and more daring that'll capture the exact results you're looking for.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Knowing what you want is only one part of your goal — actually going after it could be a bit more challenging. It might take a lot of courage.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Unless you are challenged, you won't actually have any reason to put forth your best effort. However, if a gauntlet is thrown down, the Galahad within you will quickly emerge.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Use an indirect approach toward achieving your purposes, especially if there is someone who always questions your efforts. You'll have your goal accomplished before anybody notices it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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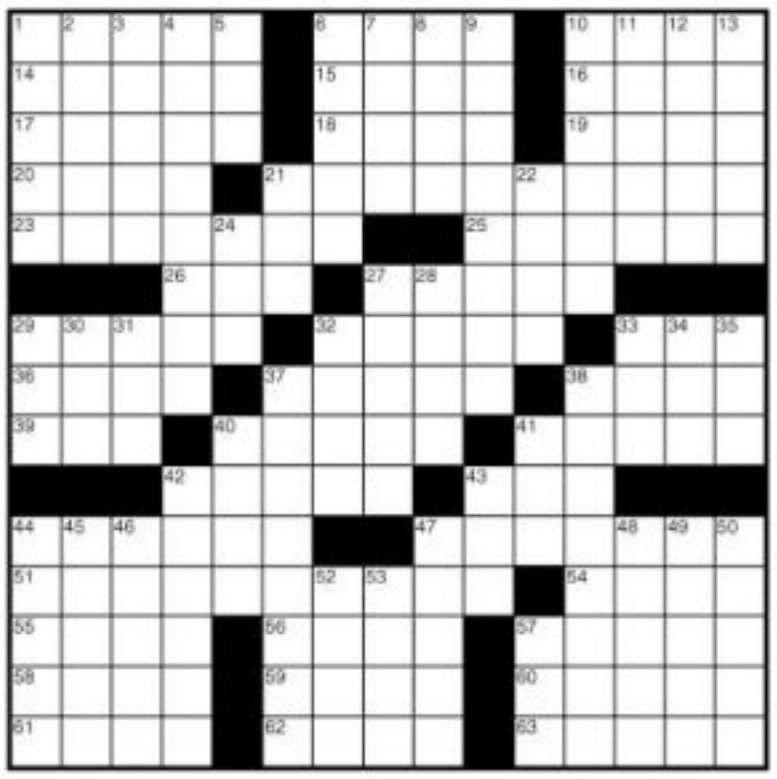

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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A guy walks into a bar

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Each week we ask a different celebrity what they look for in a nightlife experience. This week, Lifehouse singer Jason Wade talks about his preference for a quiet night at the pub. METRO ENGEL

When you go to a bar what do you order?
"We all enjoy beer and wine."
What kind of beer?
"We all like Hefferveisen."

What kind of place is it?
"Well, usually a Morton's or any sort of steakhouse. Our drummer Red, he's kind of a wine connoisseur so we let him pick us out a nice bottle of red wine. We are on the road too, [and] we are so used to stopping off at truck stops, at like Subway or McDonald's, that if we have a day off we try to get something a little bit nicer."

Do you like more divey bars?
"Yeah, like Irish pub style. We can't stand the whole club environment where the music is too loud, where you can't actually have a conversation. We are kind of mellow like that so we enjoy the small Irish pub."

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▶ If you're on a Kendall Square restaurant crawl, make sure to hit Abigail's first!

Abigail's nails it

Latest entry to the Kendall Square bar and restaurant renaissance may be the best Think smart cocktails, great atmosphere and friendly people

Another month, another new Kendall Square restaurant. Forget technology, this is the new dining hub of Cambridge. The most promising of the lot, so far, is Abigail's, a craft beer and cocktail gastropub from co-owner and chef Jason Ludwig, formerly of East Coast Grill (my favorite restaurant, by the way).

Like many of the other spots in the area, there's a certain minimal, science lab aesthetic at work here, but it's tempered by organic touches. The long wooden bar made from English elm rescued from a barn in Western, Mass., takes in tons of light from big windows that span the length of the space.

"The whole thing is windows everywhere you go," says bar manager Rob Iurilli. "There's not a place where you can't see out."

Makes for good sightlines, but you'll want to place your focus on what's going on behind the bar. The drinks menu is broken up into categories like Tall N Cool, Slushies or Shots and Combos. In the latter, the Hostile Take Over, with a mist of Green Chartreuse over Cambridge Brewing Company's Hefeweizen, is aptly named. Post-shift industry workers take note: A PBR tallboy and Four Roses Bourbon is only $8. The fact that the place is open until 1 here, serving food late, should help draw that crowd as well.

There's also the fact that Abigail's is one of the few recent openings touting "craft cocktails" that seem to live up to the name. Classics and riffs abound, but one standout is the Manhattan variant Mr. Grant, with Rittenhouse rye, Melettti amari, Carpano Antica and Jerry Thomas' Decanter bitters. It's Iurilli's favorite too.

"That one is turning out to be gangbusters," he says. "We supplant the regular sweet vermouth with Carpano, which has a little bit bigger flavor profile. The bitters add that touch of spice, and the amari has notes of chocolate."

Topped off with a flamed orange peel, it's got great spice and citrus on the nose. So far everything at the bar here seems to be right on the nose as well.

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Quoted

If the cocktails don't help Abigail's stand out, then Iurilli has another novel concept to try out:

▶ *"I think the thing that matters the most is to be nice to people and to have a friendly environment for people to come and relax. I think that stands out more than anything. I know the people up the street are gonna use fresh ingredients, there are lots of wonderful restaurants and a lot of great things happening in the neighborhood. We just want to be a nice neighborhood place where you go get beer and hang out."*

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This song sounds a little like it was manufactured in a pop hit laboratory. From Britney, it extracts a few walkie-talkie vocal portions and some lyrical boundary-pushing: "Begging for more/ on the table/against the wall." From the Black Eyed Peas, it borrows a few woo-hoos, and from the Pussycat Dolls, it turns an overlooked phrase from "Don't Cha" into the title. But like a well-calculated formula, it works! It's No. 3 on the Billboard Dance/ Club chart. METRO

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Theater

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▶ Marcia Rotondo is Ms. Leal in 'BLINK.'

'BLINK'
Sunday, 8 p.m.
Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge, $25-$40, 18+
866-811-4111
www.jazzincdance.com
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'Twelfth Night'
Tuesday through Oct. 22
Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., Boston, $29-$36
617-776-2200 ext. 225
www.actorsshakespeareproject.org
This play, one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, draws inspiration from medieval Christmas celebrations, which were basically crazy, drunken, 12-day parties presided over by a peasant "Lord of Misrule" (think John Belushi in "Animal House"), with masters and servants temporarily reversing their roles — that's why the clown is the wisest character and the virtuous stickler is the most foolish.

Music

Boston Classical Orchestra
Saturday and Sunday
Faneuil Hall
1 Faneuil Hall Square, Boston
$19-$74, 617-423-3883
www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org
The BCO plays two very well-known pieces for this concert: Rossini's overture to "The Barber of Seville" (a favorite of Bugs Bunny) and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, known as the "Eroica," which was inspired by Beethoven's admiration (later rescinded) for Napoleon. Sandwiched in between is a cello concerto by Saint-Saens featuring Boston-based cello virtuoso Allison Eldredge.

'Loose, Wet, Perforated'
Saturday and Sunday
Zack Box Theatre, Boston Conservatory
8 The Fenway, Boston
Free-$15, 866-615-2723
www.guerillaopera.com
In this world premiere production by local troupe Guerilla Opera, the curiously-named Loose and Wet compete to rise in ranking in their guild system. One behaves virtuously, finding only despair; the other behaves selfishly and violently, finding great success. With its intimate setting and modern, somewhat atonal soundtrack, it's a very different opera experience from the stuff downtown.

JIMMY KATZ

Music

▶ James Farm will be at the Berklee Performance Center on Friday.

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Friday, 8 p.m.
Berklee Performance Center
136 Mass. Ave., Boston
$30-$42, 617-876-4275
www.worldmusic.org
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Art

Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
University Hall, Lesley University, 1815 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Free,
massmice@gmail.com
www.masscomics.com
Local indie comics writers, artists, publishers, distributors, dealers and of course fans will gather at this show. With more than 100 exhibitors, including local alt weekly mainstays Karl Stevens ("Failure") and Tak Toyoshima ("Secret Asian Man"), there's sure to be something to pique your sequential art interest.

Earth: Fragile Planet
Through Sept. 30
President's Gallery, MassArt
621 Huntington Ave., 11th floor, Boston,
Free, 617-879-7333
www.massart.edu
This traveling exhibition from the Museum of American Illustration features the work of 40 top illustrators from around the world, including Oscar winner Shaun Tan, magazine cover artist Tim O'Brien and animation character designer Peter DeSeve ("Ice Age"), all addressing environmental issues. It's split into five categories: earth, air, energy, water and wildlife.

Pavel Schmidt: Franz Kafka — Verschrieben and Verzeichnet
Through Oct. 16
Sert Gallery, Carpenter Center, Harvard, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge, Free, 617-495-3251
www.ves.fas.harvard.edu
This exhibition features 49 abstract sketches by this Swiss artist, each named either for a Kafka character or a person he knew. Each piece is randomly juxtaposed with a fragment of Kafka's writing. The opening reception takes place next Thursday at 6 p.m. and includes a panel discussion with professors from Harvard, Princeton and the Universities of Zurich and Berlin.

Talks

From the Government and Here to Help
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University, 55 Temple St., Boston, Free, 617-557-2007
www.fordhallforum.org
Ford Hall Forum presents a debate between Yaron Brook, executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute, and David Callahan, co-founder of the public policy institute Demos, on one of the eternal questions in American politics: How extensive should the government's role in economic regulation be? Expect the former to argue for less regulation and the latter for more.

Movies

The Greenhorns
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Brattle Theatre
40 Brattle St., Cambridge
$5, 617-876-6837
www.thegreenhorns.net
This film documents the lives and struggles of young American independent farmers. They're a diverse bunch — some urban, some rural, some who began with hardly any knowledge of agriculture at all — but they share a love of the earth, strong morals and an astounding work ethic.

Comedy

Bill Burr
Friday and Saturday
Wilbur Theatre
246 Tremont St., Boston
$27-$32, 866-448-7849
www.thewilburtheatre.com
Bill Burr's accent and blunt, ironic comedy style give him away as a Mass. native. He shares his homeland's distaste for pretention, and will even call out an audience if he thinks they're feigning disgust at his frequently politically incorrect jokes. He appeared in two episodes of "Chappelle's Show," most memorably as a bigoted commentator in the hilarious "Racial Draft" sketch.

MATTHEW DINARO

What's that song?

Every week Metro goes into a different club or bar and gives you a sampling of the music that they play. At 10:40 p.m. last Friday, this is what was playing at Cuchi Cuchi (795 Main St., Cambridge). For more info call 617-864-2929 or visit www.cuchicuchi.cc.

1: "We're Gonna Make It" by Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley

2: "We Speak No Americano" by the Drapers

3: "El Lilady" by Amr Diab

4: "Baba To Ki Hasti" by Barobax, featuring Gamno

5: "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" (Feline Frisky Remix) by Marilyn Monroe

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Fleetwood Mac were best known for their ubiquitous pop hits and ego drama, which left their class-A musicianship — especially Buckingham's guitar versatility — relatively unsung. The guy can swing from searing, bend-crazy leads to the subtlest accents. His show is a mix of solo and band numbers, including a few Mac songs. Oh, and also, he gains major cool cred for his appearance alongside the Bill Hader on "What Up With That" on "Saturday Night Live" last season.

Lindsey Buckingham

Primus
Friday, 8 p.m.
Orpheum Theatre
One Hamilton Pl., Boston
$35-$45, 866-448-7849
www.ticketmaster.com
No band sounded remotely like Primus when they appeared in the late '80s; they remain total freaks two decades later. Bass virtuoso and nasally muttering frontman Les Claypool is obviously the band's center of attention, but the other members deserve serious props for their unflagging ability to stay in sync with his mad compositions and delightfully weird mind. MATTHEW DINARO

'MISEDUCATION,' MISSTEPS AND ONE MS. LAURYN HILL

The timeline

Although it's been almost a decade since Lauryn Hill has released a new album, the Grammy-winning singer is headlining Rock the Bells for the second year in a row. While she may not have the most prolific recording career — she has only released two albums — many of hip-hop's leaders cite Ms. Hill as an influence. What she lacks in recorded output, she makes up for in interesting history.

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▶ Is it "a conspiracy" or is it the Fugees, circa 1996?

▶ No, it's not "Purple Rain"-era Prince. It's Ms. Lauryn Hill, last month at the Rock the Bells show in California.

- **1987:** Along with school pals Wyclef Jean and Pras Michel, Hill forms the Fugees.
- **1994:** While Hill is a freshman at Columbia University, the Fugees release their debut, "Blunted On Reality."
- **1996:** The Fugees follow-up, "The Score," becomes one of the biggest hip-hop albums of all time. Having gained respect as an MC, Hill's singing voice leads to their biggest hit, "Killing Me Softly" and two Grammys.
- **1997:** Hill has her first of five children with Rohan Marley, son of reggae legend Bob Marley.
- **1998:** Her soulful and conscious solo debut, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" sits at Billboard's No. 1 for four weeks. Later that year, she is dogged by rumors that she told MTV she'd "rather starve than have white people buy her albums." Hill calls into the Howard Stern Show to deny the rumors. MTV also calls the allegations false.
- **1999:** Hill becomes the first woman nominated in 10 Grammy categories in one year and the first to win five in one night, including Album of the Year.
- **2002:** After stepping away from the spotlight, Hill drops "MTV Unplugged No. 2.0," debuting at No. 3 on the Billboard 200. While most artists had used the unplugged format to rework earlier hits, Hill doesn't revisit any previously released songs. The sparse arrangements feel more like a collection of demos than a complete work. Her song "Mystery of Iniquity" would later be the basis of one of Kanye West's early hits, "All Falls Down."
- **2004-2006:** The Fugees reunite for "Dave Chappelle's Block Party" and perform on the BET Awards; but after a short tour, old tensions reappear. Hill is said to insist on being called "Ms. Hill." In an interview, she refers to the group as "a conspiracy to control, to manipulate and to encourage dependence."
- **2007-2010:** Rumors of Hill's erratic behavior continue. Performances receive mixed reviews and she is frequently late for shows. In June 2010, she tells NPR that she has plans to start recording. No new music has surfaced yet.

PRESENT DAY

- **2011:** After having a sixth child, Hill receives positive reviews headlining Rock the Bells again with greats like Nas, Ghostface and Raekwon. The show was scheduled to wrap up in Boston earlier this month. Then it was rescheduled for this Saturday, but was eventually canceled altogether. Refunds are available at point of purchase.

Return of the recluses

▶ **JEFF MANGUM**
The Neutral Milk Hotel singer lived a concert-free life after winning the hearts of the Pitchfork generation with 1998's "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea." His current tour is his first since that album.

▶ **SLY STONE**
The forefather of funk invented the whole "erratic" thing in popular music, when he started missing performances. Eventually the Family Stone gave up on him, and he stopped releasing new music. But after almost 30 years, the Cleopatra label released "I'm Back — Friends & Family" this summer.

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They're not the same old Buffalo this season

The Patriots have dominated the Bills in recent years ◗ But this year's team looks to be far better than in the past ◗ RB Jackson, QB Fitzpatrick deserve much of the credit for that

The Patriots have won 15 straight against the Bills, and 20 of the last 22 dating back to 2000.

But the Bills of old won't be the ones on the field come Sunday.

The 2011 Bills are off to a hot start, with a blowout and a dramatic comeback. Through two weeks, they're leading the NFL in points per game (39.5) and rushing yards per game (190.0).

Credit for that goes to two rising stars: RB Fred Jackson and QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, out of Harvard.

"There's really no weak points with [Jackson]; he does everything well," Bill Belichick said yesterday. "[He] runs hard, breaks tackles, [has] good vision, good balance, catches the ball well, outstanding as a blocker. Exceptional."

And he's gotten plenty of help from Fitzpatrick.

"He's done a good job of managing [the offense] and executing it, and he's made a lot of good throws," Belichick said. "He's an athletic guy. He can escape and run out of some pressures."

Fitzpatrick, a former Crimson standout, just might be the smartest guy in the league. He reportedly scored a 48 out of 50 on the Wonderlic test (see box, right), finishing in just nine minutes.

Tom Brady is reputed to have scored a 33.

"I'm the Harvard guy everywhere, every day," Fitzpatrick said yesterday. "But you know what? There are worse things to be called."

"To me, I take a tremendous amount of pride in going to school there, playing there, graduating from Harvard."

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▶ Ryan Fitzpatrick has Boston ties: He graduated from Harvard.

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Answers
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In the NFL

Koppen placed on IR

Dan Koppen's season is over. The Patriots placed the center on IR yesterday, officially ruling him out for the rest of 2011. He suffered a broken fibula in the opener. METRO

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Once again, Baltimore is too much for the Red Sox

Even Beckett can't get Boston in the win column • Maybe Schilling was right • Rays-Yankees delayed

The odds still fall in favor of the Red Sox clinching a playoff berth.

But at this point, how much will it really matter?

Boston lost yet again last night, coughing up another late lead in a 6-4 defeat at the hands of the Orioles. It was the last game of the regular season at Fenway Park — and the third loss in a humiliating four-game series.

The Sox entered the game with a 2.5-game lead in the wild card, thanks to the Rays dropping the front end of a day-night doubleheader at New York. The nightcap ended too late for this edition after a lengthy rain delay.

Boston looked poised to all but knock Tampa Bay out of the race last night, taking a 4-1 lead into the sixth. But the Orioles put together five runs in three innings, all off starter Josh Beckett.

A no-name Baltimore bullpen held the line.

The Sox, who have lost 12 of their last 15, have today off before heading to the Bronx. METRO

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▶ The Red Sox lost again last night.

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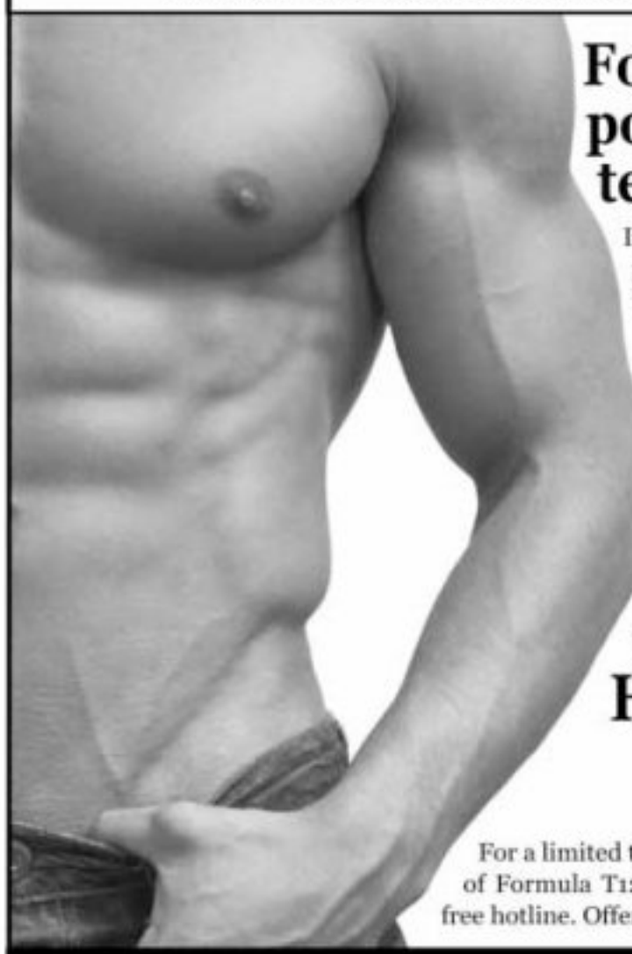

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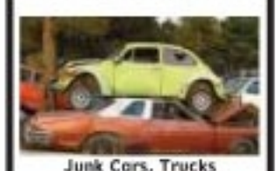

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